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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Jocksdorf Airfield

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 18 to 28 May 1953

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 10 July 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE) 1 - sketch on ditto. with legend

REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. In mid-May 1953, the work force at Jocksdorf airfield was reduced to about 500 men who resided in the vicinity of the field. Non-local workers mostly from Saxony and Thuringia, were dismissed. There were also convicts on the construction site, who were quartered in a tent camp. Some of them had come from the Cottbus prison. Allegedly 200 convicts of the sect "Jehovah's Witnesses" refused to work on the field because it is a military installation and, therefore, were shipped to another construction site.
2. On 28 May, source observed a narrow-gauge field railway track which extended in east-west direction under the Forst-Weisswasser railroad line, north of Klein-Koelzig, near railroad kilometer marker 20.25. The track crossed the road from Simmersdorf to Gross-Koelzig railroad station at the same level. About 100 meters east of the intersection, there was a bridge, about 8 meters long and 2.5 meters wide, across a small brook. Farther to the east, sand was being unloaded from lorries, some of which bore the inscription "VEB Bau Leipzig".
3. The standard-gauge spur track, which branched off from the Forst-Weisswasser railroad line about 300 meters south of Simmersdorf, extended partially on a newly raised embankment, about 1 meter high, and crossed the road to Gross-Schacksdorf which started at the northern exit of Jocksdorf and led to the north. West of the intersection was an auxiliary railroad line, about 200 meters long and, with light poles, which extended to the southeast and reached the newly macadamized Gross-Schacksdorf-Gosda road about 1.5 km south of Gross-Schacksdorf. Five construction sheds were just east of this road. Another track, probably the continuation or end of the spur track, was observed east of Jocksdorf.
4. A clearing, in which the stumps were 30 to 50 cm high, extended from the Gross-Schacksdorf - Freschen road south of triangulation point 30.3 toward Kaschen Pond. The cut trunks had already been hauled away. The area along the southern border of Kaschen Pond was cleared of wood and a hollow, about 1 meter deep, was excavated. This hollow was full of water and the surrounding terrain was rather marshy. Source believed that there was a construction site which extended toward Jocksdorf. The entire area could not be observed but the noise of dredgers and rammers was heard. Source further observed from a point south of Jocksdorf that a clearing extended in the easterly extension of the narrow-gauge field railroad track.

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5. A fence, about 300 meters long, with concrete pillars 10 meters apart was under construction just north of Jocksdorf where warning signs were seen. Another portion of the fence extended just east of Jocksdorf toward the south. A wooden entrance gate guarded by two Soviet sentries was observed in the southern section of Jocksdorf, about 50 meters east of the road bend. This gate opened to a construction site which extended to the east. German convicts were erecting a fence there. South of the entrance gate there were several temporary buildings under construction. Three low brick buildings were observed near the spur track east of Jocksdorf.

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 Comment. For details of construction work observed by source 2, see Annex. For location, see map  The course and purpose of the clearing, possibly for a runway, have not been definitely determined but efforts have been initiated to clarify this question.

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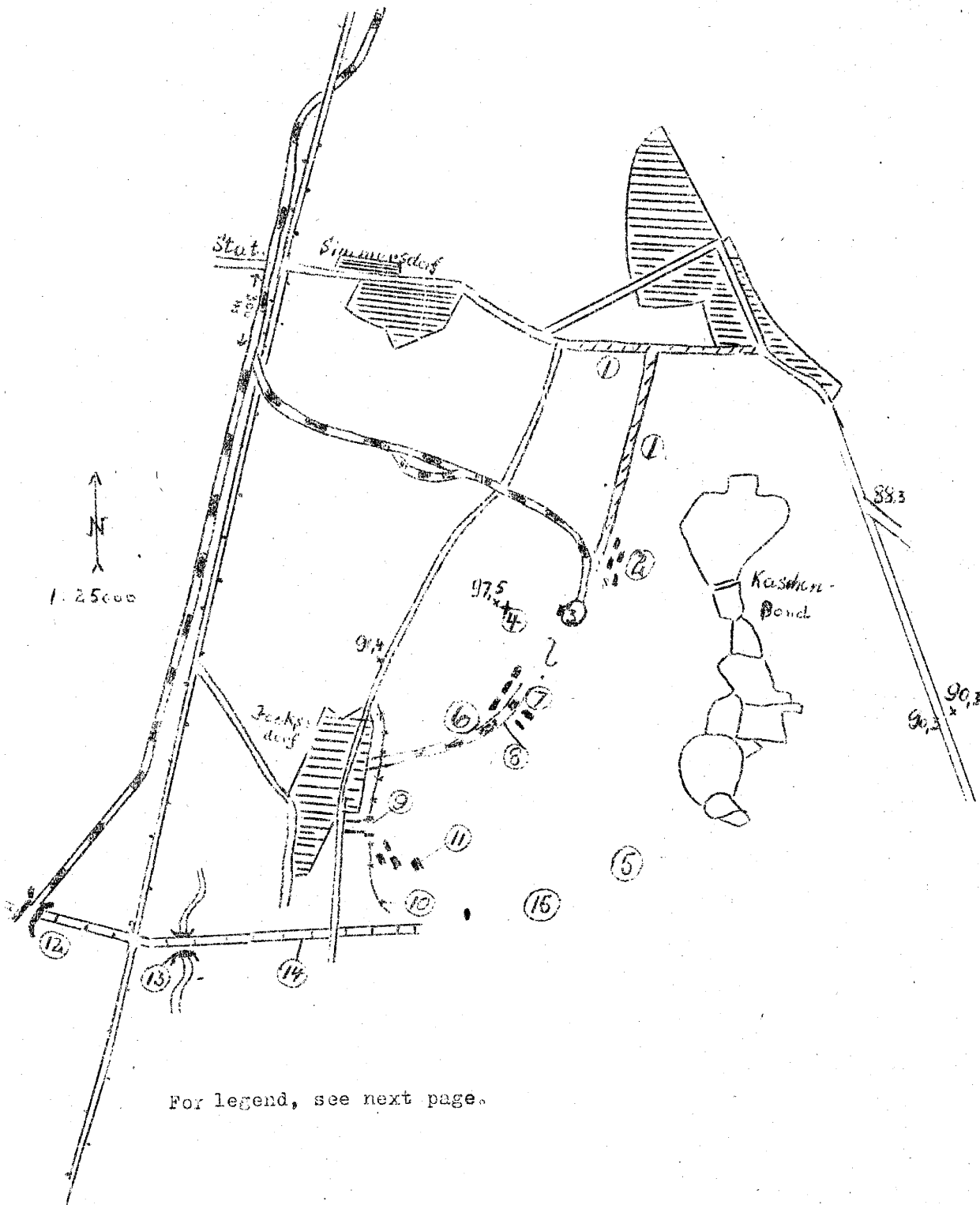


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Legend:

- 1 New road, about 10 meters wide
- 2 Five construction sheds
- 3 One 3-story building, probably transformer station
- 4 High tension mast
- 5 Probably construction site
- 6 New standard-gauge railroad line, of which middle section could not be seen
- 7 Five low brick buildings
- 8 Section of spur track
- 9 Entrance gate
- 10 Fence under construction
- 11 Wooden temporary buildings under construction, the number of which could not be identified
- 12 Bridge underpass near railroad kilometer marker 20.25
- 13 New bridge across brook
- 14 Narrow-gauge field railway track
- 15 Terrain cleared of wood

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For legend, see next page.

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